



# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 7th + TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>Saturday 06 Sept</b>	<b>5-30pm</b>	<b>VIGIL</b>	<b>Elizabeth Dearing [LD]</b>
<b>Sunday 07 Sept</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY</b>	<b>November Dead List 2024/5</b>
Monday 08 Sept	NO PUBLIC MASS	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FEAST	November Dead List 2024/5
<b>Tuesday 09 Sept</b>	<b>09.30am</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>November Dead List 2024/5</b>
Wednesday 10 Sept		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday 11 Sept	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Christian Zlotowski and Tracey King - Wedding
<b>Friday 12 Sept</b>	<b>09.30am</b>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b>	<b>Peter Connell [A]</b>
<b>Saturday 13 Sept</b>	<b>5-00pm 5-30pm</b>	<b>Confession VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>Willie Govarn [LD]</b>
<b>Sunday 14 Sept</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS</b> Education Sunday	<b>November Dead List 2024/5</b>

**Tea & Coffee after Sunday Mass (From 11.45 - 12.45)**

**PLEASE NOTE: NO VIGIL MASS - SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER**

**WELCOME** As you enter our church and lift your eyes toward the altar—the very heart of our parish—you will see the priest celebrating Mass in the midst of the people of God. Above, the great image of Christ on the Cross reminds us that He gave His life so that we might live. Risen from the dead, He now draws us into the joy and hope of the Resurrection. You can place your trust completely in Him. Thank you for joining us today, and may God grant you safe travels on your way.

### MASS ATTENDANCE 2025 –

994 people attended Mass (July).

895 people attended Mass (August). **Just keep coming to Mass**

**PARISH GIVING** – thank you for all your support.

**BANKED | 01 September 25 £365.00** plus, standing orders **£1415** per month. Thank you.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Collection for the Catholic Education Service

**Standing Order** - Most people setup payments monthly. Please inform Canon Larkin if you change to this system. Bank details: HSBC / Sort Code: 40-27-15 / Account: 41017454. Thank you for supporting standing orders. You can complete a Gift Aid form here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/gift-aid-declaration/>. With very grateful thanks for your generosity to the parish.

**STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - ACTION NEEDED** The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an *EasyAction* tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill. **Take action now and visit** [www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers) to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!

**2025 RUSHBEARING** Thanks to everyone who supported the festival and made it a success. See next week for what we made.

### **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**

#### **Friday 26 September**

09.30 - Mass in church followed by departure for Walsingham

18.30 - Evening Meal in the Dining Room (booked)

20.00 - Pilgrim Service (with own Parish Priest) (Parish Church - Village)

#### **Saturday 27 September**

08.00 Morning Prayer (Self-led) (Parish Church - Village)

08-09.00 Breakfast in the Dining Room

11.00 Rosary & Confessions (Chapel of Reconciliation - Shrine)

12 Noon Mass with the Bishop followed by lunch at 13.00

14:30 Solemn Procession into the village of Walsingham, at 15:30 Vespers and Benediction

**OVERGATE HOSPICE** Midnight Walk, which will take place on **Saturday 13 September**.

As part of this year's walk, the church hall will be a checkpoint at the 5-mile mark. This will be a place for walkers to take a short break, grab a hot drink and biscuit, and use the facilities before heading off on the final leg of the walk back to the Piece Hall.

**HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** A date and time for your child's Baptism can be provisionally given once you have completed the parish form and established a relationship with the parish. The choice of godparents is important. A godparent is a role model for your child by living a fully Christian life, there are usually two godparents. Godparents must be at least 16yrs of age, practising Catholics and should have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Parents are responsible for instructing and forming their children in both the teaching and practice of the Catholic faith. Although Catholic schools exist to help parents in this regard, they are not a substitute for it. The best instruction that you can give your child is through commitment to the Mass. As you make this request for your child, it should also be a reality in your own life. If after reading this information you feel ready to present, your child to the Church for Baptism please see Canon Larkin after Mass for Pre-Baptism form.

**THE LATIN MASS SOCIETY** You can sign-up as a Supporter for free but rely on Member subscriptions. Join up and help pass on the ancient Catholic Mass to future generations. Sign-up for Direct Debit and receive a 10% discount. <https://lms.org.uk/join-now>

**PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETINGS** Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6.30pm- 8.15pm:

19 September (Hinsley Hall), 17 October (Hinsley Hall),

14 November (Cathedral Hall), 19 December (Hinsley Hall).

Under 18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge [simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**PERMANENT DIACONATE MASS** As St Francis of Assisi's memorial, who was a deacon, is on Saturday 4 October, Bishop Marcus will be celebrating the 12.00 Mass at Leeds Cathedral in thanksgiving for the permanent diaconate in our Diocese.

**SURVEY FOR ALL THOSE ENGAGED WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** We are now asking every diocese to help us share a new survey inviting everyone engaged with the Catholic Church, including Clergy, Religious (Consecrated Life), Parish Safeguarding Representatives, Employees, Volunteers and Parishioners to contribute their experiences. The aim of this survey is better understand how the Catholic Church engages with Survivors.

Information regarding this survey can be found

here: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB\\_Xy63KLBEXoG2tIVAm\\_9UYqKjMSFUM1hSR1VCOEpYMUc4SDVQWTg3VkNDTzg5OS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tIVAm_9UYqKjMSFUM1hSR1VCOEpYMUc4SDVQWTg3VkNDTzg5OS4u)

**TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE** for what will be a night of lively music, dancing and entertainment.

**St Mary's Parish Ceilidh - Friday, 3 October at Pellon Social Club Halifax**

*No dance experience?* No problem. You'll be guided through the easy-to-follow-dances. *Two left feet?* No problem. It adds to the fun factor. *Low on energy?* No problem. Half-time supper will be provided to recharge your batteries plus Bar available to keep you refreshed throughout the evening. Ticket price: £20 (inc. supper). Cash only please. As well as tickets being on sale after our Sunday Masses (9:30am and 11am St Mary's and 6pm St Alban's), tickets can be arranged by contacting Julie Anderson on 07599 084360.

**JUBILEE MASSES AT ST STEPHEN'S SKIPTON** Masses for the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year will take place at St Stephen's Skipton, on the following date. Please check the Skipton parish website for times.

All welcome. 19 September, 8 October, 14 November, 10am, 16 December, 7pm.

**CATENIANS: FAITH, FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIP**

Meet formally each month on the third Tuesday plus whenever another event has been arranged.

Membership is open to any catholic men but wives/partners are encouraged to always be involved. Details about the association can be found at <https://thecatenians.uk> or you may wish to speak to our Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042.

**MARGARET SILF DAY OF REFLECTION** Prolific writer and retreat leader Margaret Silf's next retreat day is entitled 'Finding solid ground in times of turbulent change'. Wednesday 17 September at The Briery, Ilkley. £50pp including all resources, refreshments and a home-cooked 2 course lunch. For more information and to book, contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**"WHEN SUFFERING HAPPENS, MAKE MEANING!"** Dr Dorothy Jonaitis of Loyola University will lead a retreat afternoon offering an opportunity to reflect upon journeys of faith and how healing can take shape, using prayer, art and music. 1.00pm-5.30pm Sunday 5 October. £15pp at The Briery, Ilkley. For more information and to book, contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**"DELVE INTO THE BIBLE"** Dr Dorothy Jonaitis of Loyola University, Chicago, will lead a workshop exploring the reality of biblical authorship, the importance of context - audience, geography, and timeframe - and different translations. 10:00am - 3:00pm Saturday 11 October at Hinsley Hall. £20pp including lunch. For more information and to book contact [catechist.christtheking@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:catechist.christtheking@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**HOW DO WE SUSTAIN HOPE IN TODAY'S WORLD?** Saturday 11 October 10:30 – 4pm at Hinsley Hall A one day retreat on hope with Fr Luis Orlando Perez Jimenez SJ. Organised by SPARK Social Justice. See [www.sparksocialjustice.org.uk](http://www.sparksocialjustice.org.uk) for more details – sign up required as places are very limited.

**CATHEDRAL CHOIR FUNDRAISING CONCERT** Join the Senior Girls Choir of Leeds Cathedral for a concert raising funds for the Diocese's Schools Singing Programme. Thursday 18 September, 7pm, Leeds Cathedral – includes Pergolesi's Stabat Mater. Tickets (£10) available on the door or at <https://dolmusic.uk/stabat-mater-2025>

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2025** Prayer, fasting and (current 'buffer-zone-law'-compliant) peaceful vigil in support of the unborn, their mothers, fathers and families. 7am-7pm daily from 24 September to 2 November.

More info here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/event/40-days-for-life-2025/> Contact Chris via 07815 681343 & 40daysforlife@gmail.com

**PARISH RETREAT WEEKEND 'BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS':** 19 – 21 September at The Briery, Ilkley. Spaces are available for individuals to join this parish weekend. For more information and to book, contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

### **VACANCIES**

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT - REGISTERED MANAGER (ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES): Salary: £40,303 (plus pension and many other benefits) Post: Full Time, 37 hours per week. Location: Based in services across West and North Yorkshire. Closing Date: September 19th. Please see website for details [www.catholic-care.org.uk](http://www.catholic-care.org.uk)

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT - GIANNA BABY BANK ADMIN ASSISTANT: 16 hours per week Pay: £24,982 - £26,096 (Pro rata) Location: Bradford in our Community services. Please see website for further details [www.catholic-care.org.uk](http://www.catholic-care.org.uk) or send CV to [recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk)

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Brighouse. Start: January 2026. Closing date: Wednesday 17th September 2025. Apply at <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/148480/EDV-2025-SJCPA-69041>. For further information, contact Helen Blanchard, [h-blanchard@bpstrust.org.uk](mailto:h-blanchard@bpstrust.org.uk)

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**Sunday 7 September 2025** *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: C(I).*  
**Readings at Mass**

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### **First reading - Wisdom 9:13-18b**

What human being can learn the counsel of God?  
Or who can discern what the Lord wills?  
For the reasoning of mortals is worthless,  
and our designs are likely to fail,  
for a perishable body weighs down the soul,  
and this earthy tent burdens the mind full of thoughts.  
We can hardly guess at what is on earth,  
and what is at hand we find with labour;  
but who has traced out what is in the heavens?  
Who has learned your counsel,  
unless you have given wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from on high?  
And thus the paths of those on earth were set right,  
and people were taught what pleases you.

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### **Responsorial Psalm - Ps 90(89):3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14, 17. R1**

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,  
from generation to generation.*

You turn man back to dust,  
and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
or like a watch in the night. R

You sweep them away like a dream,  
like grass which is fresh in the morning.  
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;  
by evening it withers and fades. R

Then teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Turn back, O Lord! How long?  
Show pity to your servants. R

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us;  
give success to the work of our hands.  
O give success to the work of our hands. R

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### **Second reading - Philemon 9b-10, 12-17**

Beloved: I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.

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### **Gospel Acclamation - Psalm 119(118):135**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Let your face shine forth on your servant,  
and teach me your decrees.

Alleluia.

### **Gospel - Luke 14:25-33**

At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." Or

what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.'

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